

## John Copenhaver: Regional Director, Region 4

John Copenhaver was appointed Regional Director of FEMA's Region 4 by President Clinton on September 8, 1997. As Regional Director, he will be responsible for coordinating FEMA mitigation, preparedness and disaster response and recovery activities in: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee.

Prior to joining FEMA, Mr. Copenhaver was Team Advisor for the Worldwide Crisis Response Team for IBM Business Recovery Services. He also had worked as Director of Business Continuity Services for Bell South Business Systems, and earlier served as that organization's Marketing Manager responsible for development and deployment of Bell South Emergency Preparedness Program.

A native of Virginia and a long-time resident of Georgia, Mr. Copenhaver holds a bachelor's degree in planetary geology from Brown University and a law degree from the University of Georgia School of Law. He is a member of the State Bar of Georgia and is a Certified Business Continuity Professional.

He is a member of the Educational Advisory Board for the International Hurricane Center, former Chairman of the Disaster Recovery Institute International Certification Board and a member of its Board of Directors. In addition, Mr. Copenhaver has served on the Editorial Advisory Board of the Disaster Recovery Journal.

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